# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to abandon the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY), National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) as reported in The Hindu, dated 20th January, 2008; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) was launched in September, 2001. National Food For Work Programme (NFFWP) was launched in November, 2004. With the enactment of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) and launching of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in 200 identified districts with effect from 2nd February, 2006, the NFFWP and the SGRY programmes were subsumed in NREGS in these identified districts. The works started under SGRY and NFFWP and spilled over to the financial year 2006-07 were allowed to be completed by 30th June, 2006 by following the NREGA processes. SGRY programme in additional 130 districts was subsumed in NREGS in the year 2007-08. Incomplete SGRY works in these districts were allowed to be completed by 31st August, 2007 by following the NREGA processes.

Detailed modification were issued to SGRY guidelines on 1st August, 2007 which inter-alia stipulated that only those new works will be taken up under SGRY which are NREGA compliant to ensure smooth completion of such works as and when remaining districts are subsumed into NREGA.

The SGRY programme in the remaining rural districts of the country will be subsumed in NREGS with effect from 1st April, 2008 as per the notification dated 28th September, 2007.